

UNIVERSITY HILL UPDATE

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Now Available: Pilot Hill Employee EcoPass Forms

In preparation for launching the pilot **EcoPass program for Hill Employees** in 2016, the Hill Reinvestment Intern, Holden Lewis, began circulating '**Authorized Signer Forms**' today to all Hill Commercial Area businesses. Participating businesses must have a representative on file who can attest to which employees are eligible to participate in the program. The authorized signer must notify the city of any staffing changes that affect the RTD contract, and participating businesses must provide the first and last pages of their current lease for proof of tenancy in the Hill Commercial Area. During the pilot phase of the program (2016-2018), the city is committed to fully funding the program. EcoPasses will be provided at no cost to eligible full-time Hill employees. After January 1, the city will host office hours on the Hill to sign up each eligible employee so they can go to RTD the same day to pick up their pass.



Hill Reinvestment Working Group Update

On November 19th, the **Hill Reinvestment Working Group** (HRWG) held its first workshop at **Four Star on the Hill** to look at long-term governance and funding mechanisms to sustain Hill improvements after the initial two-year time frame of the Hill Reinvestment Strategy. The group is working toward a recommendation to the City Council in Q2 of 2016. At workshop #1, the HRWG members (representatives from community stakeholder organizations) identified priority activities for the Hill neighborhoods; Hill Commercial Area; and general access and economic vitality. At workshop #2 on **January 19th**, the HRWG will discuss options for governance structures and specific funding tools presented by the group's facilitator, **Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA)**.



City Council Hill Reinvestment Strategy Update: Potential CU Conference Center and Public Improvements Funding

At the City Council Study Session on **Tuesday, Dec. 8th**, staff will present updates on the potential **CU conference center/hotel** project and seek Council feedback on potential public **funding tools to facilitate public improvements** on the Hill. An underground public parking garage has been cited by multiple surveys and studies in the past year as a key to pursuing the goals of the Hill Reinvestment Strategy (HRS). The study session packet, which includes the proposed **2016 HRS Work Plan**, is available [HERE](#).

Upcoming Public Hill Meetings/Events:

Mon., Dec. 7 at 11:00 a.m. – **City Council Hill Tour** (Buchanan's Coffee Pub, 1301 Pennsylvania)

Tues., Dec. 8 at 6:00 p.m. – **City Council Study Session** on the Hill Reinvestment Strategy (1777 Broadway)

Wed., Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m. – **University Hill Commercial Area Management Commission** (1777 Broadway)